

Riverview Playfield

12th SW and SW Othello



LOCATION AND VIEWPOINT CATEGORY

The viewpoints are located on 12th Ave. South in the Delridge neighborhood of West Seattle. The viewpoints are intended to provide wide-angle views of the Cascade Mountains. Currently, only 30% of the views are unobstructed by vegetation. Designated viewpoint locations are surrounded by park and the West Duwamish Greenbelt.

SUMMARY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

Many park improvements and amenities have recently occurred in the park. Asphalt paths have been installed to viewpoint locations, along with the enhancement of the parks' landscape. However, dense stands of native trees, Alders and Bitter Cherry, growing on the upper slopes restrict views. Understory vegetation is dominated by invasive weeds, Himalayan Blackberry and Scotch Broom. Slopes range from steep areas of 30-50% with shallow slopes adjacent to flatter bench lands.

MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS

A. MAINTENANCE FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS

Category 1 – Canopy Conversion on Hillside

Procedures:

1. Tree removal and pruning using ANSI 300 standards
2. Mechanical and/or chemical removal of invasive weeds
3. Erosion control where needed with matting
4. Plant layered vegetation on Hillside Zone 3
5. Plant a double row of low hedge along Transition Zone 2
6. Mulch with woodchips
7. Provide irrigation to establish plants

B. GENERAL MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Annual maintenance will require:

- physical and/or chemical removal of weeds
- Removal of tree saplings
- Managing exposed soil with additional planting, erosion control matting and mulching
- Removal of dead, declining and diseased trees
- Pruning to control competition and reduce tree crown heights using ANSI 300 standards
- Control of adjacent vegetation

View management locations:

Zone 2 - Transition area at the crest of the slope

Zone 3 – Hillside (access varies depending on slope location)

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Priority 1

Restoring intended views and implementing a canopy conversion for the hillside is rated 'high priority' in concurrence with recent park improvements, high park use and level of view obstruction.

Phasing

- Phase 1 - Remove trees and prune
- Phase 2 - Eradicate invasive weeds
 - Cover slopes with erosion control mat
 - Plant layered vegetation
 - Provide temporary irrigation
- Phase 3 - Plant Zone 2 transition hedge at top of slope

Labor Sources (UF- Urban Forestry Staff, PM – Park Maintenance Staff)

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| Contractor, UF, and/or volunteers: | -physical removal of weeds |
| UF staff: | -prune and remove trees |
| Contractor or UF staff: | -apply erosion control mats, |
| Contractor, UF and/or volunteers: | -planting and mulching |
| Park Maintenance staff: | -prune shrubs and small trees, |
| | control adjacent vegetation, |
| | plant hedges in Zone 2 |

Riverview Playfield Viewpoints

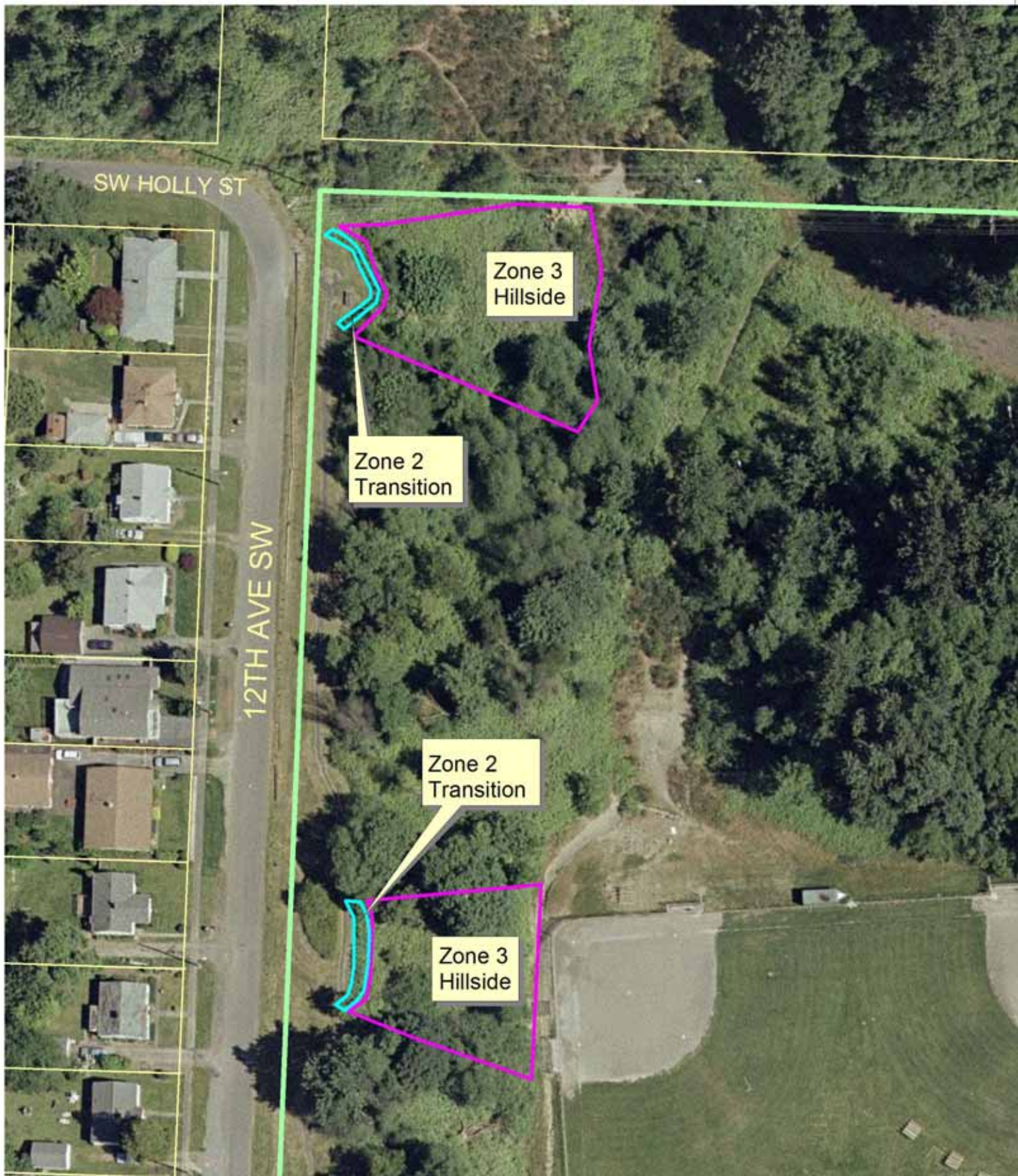
Trees and invasive weeds
obstructing views to east



View facing east
toward Cascades

Dense vegetation barrier
from bench at viewpoint





Riverview Park Viewpoint

LEGEND

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ZONES

- Zone 1 - Developed Park Landscape
- Zone 2 - Transition
- Zone 3 - Hillside
- Park Boundary
- Parcel Boundary

1:900

0 75 Feet



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